

Field and Track Men Enjoyed Fine Season

Prolific Crop of New Records and Notable Meets Made Year a Brilliant One for Cinder Path Athletes.

The year of 1904 has been an exceptionally brilliant one in the domain of track and field sports, and when the athletic historians of the future sit down to write the chapter of the new records and first rate performances achieved, he will find it a banner season, says the statistician of the "New York Sun."

No doubt the interest in physical culture was augmented by two important fixtures—the Olympic games and the international varsity match between Yale, Harvard and Oxford-Cambridge—the latter being remarkable for the victory of the Americans over the Englishmen on their own ground. Though the Olympics at St. Louis lacked the pomp and panoply of the ancient festival, they served their purpose to a degree, and for the first time on American soil brought men together from Australia, South Africa, Greece, Austria, Germany, Canada, Cuba, and Ireland. But, outside of these two notable features of the season, the new crop of records was prolific, and marks regarded as well high invincible were shattered and record figures which had withstood the assault of generations were lowered.

Sprinting Always Popular.

Sprinting has always been the most popular department of the modern program, and though nothing new came to light at the standard distances, a few records will go on the books. At New Orleans on May 1, George Mayhew had a shy at the twenty-five yards, and his time was returned as 31.5 seconds. Heretofore there was no 25-yard record, so this will figure in the future annals. The old mark for thirty-five yards remained unshaken, but for the forty-five yards there was a new mark by Clyde Blair, the crack Western sprinter. On February 12, at Chicago, he covered the distance in 51.5 seconds, which was not very remarkable going, and which will probably be accepted by the authorities. The 40-yard dash, jointly held by no fewer than seven sprinters, received a shock at Mechanics' Hall, Boston, on February 11. A special invitation event was arranged, with Duffey, of Georgetown, as the star, and he started in the first heat, but to the surprise of those present was beaten by a yard by F. Thompson, of Amherst, and the time announced was 4.2-5 seconds.

Something Wrong.

This was a world's record if the watches of the timers were running at their regular gait, but there was something wrong somewhere, for Duffey, in the final, extended to 4.4-5 seconds. The inference deduced from the affair by the critics was that the timers expected Duffey to win the first heat, and had a record ready for him, and in the final had his true time ready for Thompson, but Duffey upset the little pantomime by reaching the worsted in the lead.

One week later the 50-yard record of 5.2 seconds, held by the late L. E. Myers, and made exactly twenty years ago, was shattered simultaneously at Washington and Chicago, and in both places new figures were claimed. It was the annual indoor meet of Georgetown at Convention Hall, and, of course, the occasion of Duffey's annual attack on the fifty-yard record. Starting two feet behind, Duffey upset the heat of the handicap from Torrey, of Yale, who had a foot handicap, in 5.2-5 seconds. In the final Torrey won in 5.5-5 seconds, Duffey stopping about half way.

Duffey Won Invitation.

Duffey also won the invitation 50-yard event in 5.2-5 seconds, beating Torrey and Sears, of Cornell, in third and fourth places, respectively, and close up. To cover the fifty yards twice in one night in record time ought to be sufficient for the record committee to accept it as genuine, but the nobody believed Torrey to be capable of 5.5 for the distance; and, moreover, Duffey was far from being in record-breaking trim, as his subsequent 100-yard race, in which he was defeated by Torrey, showed. At the New York Athletic Club meet in Madison Square Garden Duffey started in the 60-yard handicap, a 3 in his last heat came within three yards of 8.5-5 seconds, which showed that he was off color and not at all able to do what was credited to him in Washington. In both places Duffey had a board floor, but the one at Convention Hall was a veritable spring arrangement, and, it is said, actually propelled Duffey across the space in record time.

Chicago Onslaught.

The Chicago onslaught on the Myers figures occurred at the Chicago-Wisconsin meet, and the honors of the night fell to Rice, of Chicago University. He sped over the "fifty" in 5.2-5 seconds, and some figures attributed to Duffey, and everything seemed correct toward the acceptance of the record. Three timers agreed in the clocking and the course was measured and found to be three inches over fifty yards, and all this data, with the fact that the timers were lodged with the authorities.

Nevertheless, an idea prevailed that there was something wrong with Rice's record, and it is more than likely that with Duffey's performance and Thompson's for the 40-yard, it will never figure on the record books. Later on in the spring, Duffey ran the seventy-five yards in 7.5-5 seconds in an exhibition at Baltimore, a feat, which, if done in competition, would shatter the 7.5-5 seconds of Webers in 1894, and Luther Cary in 1891.

Old Mark Stands.

The record of 9.3-5 seconds for the "hundred," made by Arthur Duffey two years ago, was not disturbed, but Duffey traveled to England and had his colors lowered by J. W. Morton, of the South London Harriers, in the championship. The Georgetown runner gave the Englishman a close race, being only six inches behind, in the time, and, in fact, showed that Morton was no cinder path sprinter. Twice afterward he beat Duffey, starting on even terms, and on the last occasion ran the 100 yards in 9.4-5 seconds, so that he is now joint holder of the British record with Duffey, and Morton also ran the 100 yards in 9.4-5 seconds and he now shares the honors of the English record with Bradley, Downer, and Duffey.

Neither in America nor England were top-notch figures for the quarter, half or mile in any danger, but some really good feats took place at St. Louis, especially during the Olympic meet. In the 400-meter, Harry L. Hillman, of the New York A. C., after a splendid race, won the event in 49.1-5 seconds, and had he not looked behind him in the straight he must inevitably clocked it in 49 seconds. The former Olympic record was 49.2-5 seconds by Maxey Long, of the New York Athletic Club, at Paris, in 1890. Lightbody, of Chicago, won the 800-meter in 1:56 and three, too, beat the Olympic record of 2:01.3-5 made by the late E. T. Tyson, of the Salford Harriers, England, at Paris in 1890. Hillman secured additional honors in the 200-meter

hurdle, which he won in 24.3-5 seconds, surpassing the former Olympic record of 25.2-5 seconds by A. C. Kraenzlein at Paris, in 1890. A new Olympic record fell to the credit of Lightbody in the 1,600-meter run, for he won in 4:33.2-5, or a fraction better than the previous mark.

Ten-Mile Race.

For the mile and upward, the work of the athletes was mediocre, with the exception of a ten-mile road race given by the St. Albans A. C. at Roxbury, Mass., on April 10. The winner was F. J. Haarer, and the time returned was 52 minutes 9 seconds, which, if correct, was the best piece of long distance work ever seen in America. The American record is 52 minutes 38 seconds, made by W. D. Day, at the fall games of the Old St. Louis A. C., October 26, 1893. It is not likely that Haarer's mark will take the place of Day's although it was said the course was surveyed by a civil engineer.

Even if all the conditions were correct the performance may only be classed as a road record. Mention, however, of distance running conjures up the name of Alfred Shrubbs, of the South London Harriers. His running this season has been phenomenal. He has beaten records, many only to be improved upon by himself, and there is not an athletic enthusiast but admits that he is the greatest long distance runner—amateur or professional—the world has two professional runners, the Hersham Blue Star Harriers, Shrubbs entered and ran third in the four-mile English championship of 1904.

Not Defeated.

Since that time he has never known defeat over distance, from one mile to ten. He has won the national and southern counties cross-country championship four times; four and ten-mile Amateur Athletic Association championship four times; international cross-country championship and one-mile A. C. championship once, while the Sussex championship has been practically a walkover for him.

With almost every available championship to his credit, Shrubbs, however, remained the climax of his career at Ibrox Park, Glasgow, in the early part of July, when in the two and four-mile world's amateur race he defeated ten world's amateur and two professional records. Taking the two miles first, Shrubbs ran the first mile in 4 minutes 20 seconds, and at the end of the second mile he was 18 minutes 15 seconds, the world's amateur record by doing 5 minutes 35 seconds, the previous best time being 5 minutes 38.4-5 seconds, set by T. P. Conneff, at Bergen Point, September 2, 1895. He just missed the 1½ miles, also held by Conneff, but got inside the record of a quarter farther on, running 1½ miles in 8 minutes 2 seconds, against 8 minutes 8.1-5 seconds.

Superseded Record.

The two miles were compassed in the wonderful time of 9 minutes 9.3-5 seconds, which superseded his own world's record of 9 minutes 17 seconds, made on the grass track at Kensington Oval, London, September 12, 1898. This also beats the world's professional record of 9 minutes 11½ seconds, which has stood to the credit of Bill Lang since 1893.

The day following the two-mile race Shrubbs tackled the four miles, and it is difficult to matter to determine which of the more meritorious. He had no pacing, the nearest runner being on the 30-yard mark, and yet made a new string of records in the four-mile journey. He reached the two-mile post in 9 minutes 27.3-5 seconds, which was a fifth of a second better than the Scotch record, which stood for eight years. Shrubbs then got inside the world's previous best, and with the exception of the three miles, remained in spite of the end.

Held Record Jointly.

The 24-mile record was held jointly by W. G. George and Sid Thomas, and the records of two and a quarter, two and a half, three and a quarter, and three and a half miles belonged to W. G. George, and Shrubbs held the records at three and three-quarters and four miles. His time for the full distance was 19 minutes 32.5 seconds, as against 19 minutes 31.3-5 seconds by Shrubbs himself and the professional record of 19 minutes 22.5 seconds by Peter Cannon of Sterling at the Glasgow exhibition, November 8, 1888.

It is certainly a coincidence that both the world's amateur and professional records for four miles should have been accomplished at the capital of Scotland. Shrubbs' intermediate times up to two miles were: Quarter mile, 60 seconds; half mile, 2 minutes 8.4-5 seconds; three-quarters of a mile, 3 minutes 19.2-5 seconds; one mile, 4 minutes 22.5 seconds; mile and quarter, 5 minutes 42.5 seconds; mile and a half, 6 minutes 52.5 seconds; mile and three-quarters, 8 minutes 13.1-5 seconds; two miles, 9 minutes 27.3-5 seconds, and from that on got among the records as follows:

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24...	19 32.5	19 32.5
23...	18 11.5	18 11.5
22...	17 11.5	17 11.5
21...	16 11.5	16 11.5
20...	15 11.5	15 11.5
19...	14 27.1-5	14 27.1-5
18...	13 11.5	13 11.5
17...	12 11.5	12 11.5
16...	11 27.2-5	11 27.2-5
15...	10 12.4-5	10 12.4-5
14...	9 22.5-5	9 22.5-5

Following are the best records, both amateur and professional:

Amateur.	Professional.
50 yards, 5.4 seconds, L. E. Meyers.	50 yards, 5.4 seconds, A. F. Duffey.
100 yards, 9.3-5 seconds, A. F. Duffey.	100 yards, 9.3-5 seconds, B. J. Webers.
220 yards, 21.1-5 seconds, B. J. Webers.	440 yards, 47.4-5 seconds, M. W. Long.
880 yards, 1 minute 22.5 seconds, C. J. Kilpatrick.	One mile, 4 minutes 15.3-5 seconds, T. P. Conneff.
Two miles, 9 minutes 9.3-5 seconds, A. Shrubbs.	Three miles, 14 minutes 9.3-5 seconds, A. Shrubbs.
Four miles, 19 minutes 32.5 seconds, A. Shrubbs.	Five miles, 24 minutes 32.5 seconds, A. Shrubbs.
Ten miles, 51 minutes 20 seconds, W. G. George.	Running high jump, 6 feet 5.5 inches, M. F. Sweeney.

Running broad jump, 24 feet 11½ inches, P. O'Connor.

Pole vault, 12 feet 132-100 inches, N. Dol.

Throwing 56-pound weight, 38 feet 7½ inches, J. Flannagan.

Throwing 16-pound hammer, 178 feet, 15 feet 6 inches, J. S. Mitchell.

Throwing the discus, 132 feet, Martin J. Sheridan.

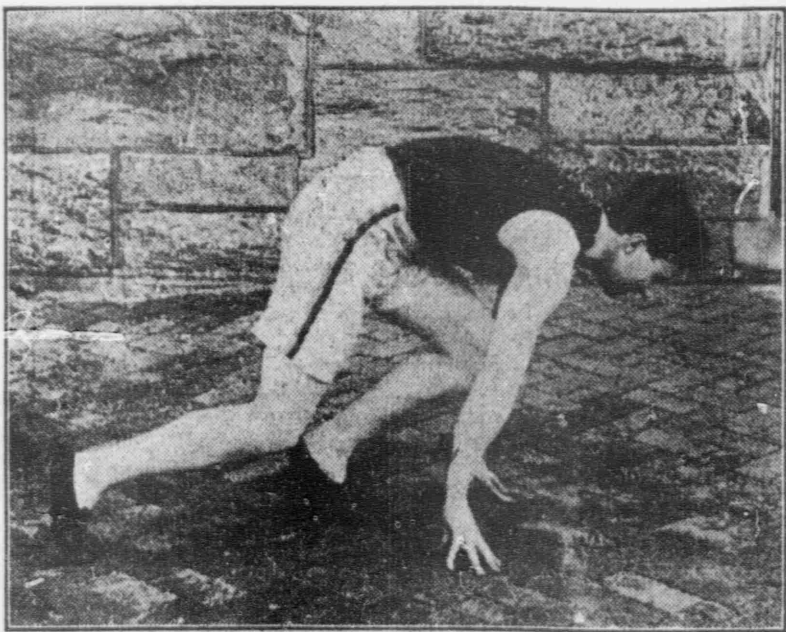
Putting 16-pound shot, 48 feet 10 inches, D. Moran.

120-yard hurdle, 15.1-5 seconds, A. C. Kraenzlein.

220-yard hurdle, 23.3-5 seconds, A. C. Kraenzlein.

Standing broad jump, 11 feet 4½ inches, Ray C. Ewry.

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Standing broad jump, 11 feet 4½ inches, R. C. Ewry.

Three standing jumps, 38 feet, J. Chandler.

Running hop, step, and jump, 48 feet 7 inches, P. Leahy.

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50 yards, 5.4 seconds, H. M. Johnson.

100 yards, 9.1-5 seconds, H. Bethune and H. Hutchens.

220 yards, 21.4-5 seconds, H. Hutchens.

440 yards, 47.4-5 seconds, R. Buttery.

880 yards, 1 minute, 53½ seconds, F. Hewitt.

One mile, 4 minutes, 12½ seconds, W. G. George.

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Five miles, 24 minutes, 40 seconds, J. White.

Ten miles, 51 minutes 21.5 seconds, H. Watkins.

Running high jump, 6 feet 5 inches, M. Conroy.

Running broad jump, 23 feet 1 inch, J. A. Carpenter.

Pole vault, 10 feet 11 inches, J. Johnson.

Throwing 56-pound weight, 29 feet 1 inch, G. M. Ross.

Throwing 16-pound hammer, 135 feet, T. D. Carroll.

Throwing 56-pound weight for height, 14 feet, J. Maxwell.

Throwing the discus, 126 feet 8 inches, H. Gill.

Putting 16-pound shot, 46 feet 3 inches, D. Ross.

220-yard hurdle, 24½ seconds, J. Dafon.

Standing high jump, 5 feet 8½ inches, J. Darby.

Three standing jumps, 41 feet 1 inch (with weights), J. Darby.

Running hop, step, and jump, 48 feet 8 inches, T. Burrows.

Personal Comment on Men and Things in the Field of Sports

Western High School has chosen Morse and Church, both members of the football eleven, as captains of the track and basketball teams, respectively.

Joe Reed and Sam Langford will box fifteen rounds on Thursday evening before a Berlin, N. H., club.

There will be a meeting in Chicago of Ed Corrigan and a large number of big horsemen of the Middle West to decide whether or not there will be a turf war as a result of the assignment of dates for meetings at certain tracks in the West.

Courtney, of Cornell, is allowing nothing to go by that might enhance Cornell's prospects on the Hudson next June. The latest order is that no one who intends to become a candidate for the presidency or freshmen crews can play basketball this winter. Last season one of the oarsmen was hurt, so Courtney has decided to take no chances.

Syracuse is the latest city to file an application for a date on the grand circuit.

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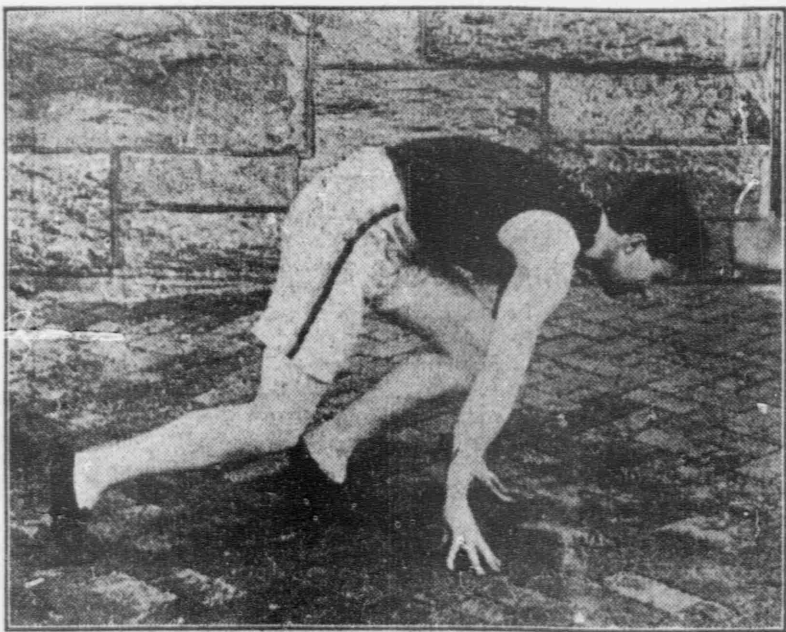
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CUMBERLAND WILL HAVE GOOD TEAM

CUMBERLAND, Md., Dec. 18.—Manager Harry Tate, of the Cumberland baseball team, has signed players for next season as follows: Tate, himself, who was with Homestead and Johnstown, and Fisher, catchers; Weaver, of Shamokin; Calbridge, of Princeton; Reader, of Coshocton, Ohio; Leighty, of Ringhamton, and Patterson, of Piedmont, pitchers; Fitzgerald, of Rosemont, Pa.; Lindsey, of Homestead, and Raley, of Baltimore, second; McCabe, of Harrisburg, and Kelley, third; Hamilton, of Ada, Ohio, and Elgie, short; Hugh Tate, William Hooker, and Harry Tate, the latter, when not catching, will complete the outfield. Kelley, signed for third, is a brother of Manager Kelley, of the Cincinnati Nationals.

SKATE CHAMPION WILL RACE THIS YEAR

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Morris Wood, champion amateur speed skater of the United States, will return to the game this season. He will not retire from racing, as was reported, but instead will try to smash records.

In company with E. E. Mulligan, E. Allen Taylor, and W. L. Smith, Wood will form the Verona Lake Skating Association team. Wood will go after records next Monday at the first race to be held on Verona Lake this year. Wood has gone into training for the events.

He will allow fights in the Windy City. If he is not heard from by this afternoon we will be prepared to learn, that he is dead.

Another come-on who wanted to swindle a poolroom by tapping a wire and lost his wad for his pains, is wondering why the world is so wicked and full of guile.

Times must be hard with the sporting boosters in New York when they revive that aged fairy tale about Fitzsimmons and Corbett meeting again.

Andrew Carnegie's money is said to be accumulating faster than he can spend it, and his ambition to die poor is in a fair way to be disappointed. He should buy and back Sam Craig.

One thing is pretty certain: There could not have been much of a fake about the last wrestling match in which Tom Jenkins and the Algerian champion rolled into the audience, and the Algerian bit a chunk out of Tom's manly bosom.

Bobby Walthour should have had sense enough to take what was coming to him in the six-day race, and his effort to form the cycling association, after claiming the race was fixed and then taking it all back, will arouse little popular interest, and deserves no popular support.

TOM ROLAND.

DOWN THE ALLEYS.

The Commerce and Labor team have taken quite a brace. They deserve it, too, for they are hard working and enthusiastic. Maybe Tompkins has held off his medal and they are not carrying so much dead weight.

All aboard for the "Down and Out." When Warren bowls his hard on those on the beach. The searchlight on his finger dazzles them.

Bunn was out spending "Black Arrow" money on Friday and did not bowl with the Interiors.

Waters, of the Fat Men, is doing some excellent work.

President Cox, of the Acmes, sustained a serious accident recently and will be out of the game for some time.

By the way the Acmes are known as "Coxey's Army."

Smith and Hardie are having a close race for individual honors in the Departmental.

Harlow's 255 is high score in the District League.

It's pretty near time for Rodrick to put on steam and go after the leaders.

Carroll is back in the game and doing splendidly for the Treasury.

A Certain Cure for Croup.

When a child shows symptoms of croup there is no time to experiment with remedies, no matter how highly they may be recommended. There is one preparation that can always be depended upon. It has been in use for many years, and has never been known to fail, viz: Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Give it and a quick cure is sure to follow. Mr. M. F. Compton, of Market, Texas, says of it, "I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in severe cases of croup with my children, and can truthfully say it always gives prompt relief." For sale by all druggists.

BRITT AND NELSON READY FOR FIGHT

Tomorrow's Bout Will Decide Championship

BOTH MEN DOWN TO WEIGHT

Demand for Tickets Large—Odds Varying—Britt Baffled Corbett and Has Improved Since.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 18.—Jimmy Britt still rules a favorite over Battling Nelson for their championship battle, which takes place here tomorrow night, with the odds varying from 10 to 2 to 10 to 7. With both fighters down to weight—132 pounds—and in the best possible condition the local sports here look for one of the grandest fistic events that has been decided on the Pacific Coast in some time.

There are many of Britt's friends who look for the Californian to win a decisive battle, but the way the odds hold up is evidence of the high regard in which he is held by the Denver boy's conqueror. Nelson's victory is still fresh in the minds of the sports, and it seems to offset Britt's performance with Gans to a great extent.

Physically Fit.

Whatever there is to decide the fight will be developed in the fighters' make-up, for they will enter the ring on even terms and physically fit to take whatever punishment that is meted out. The weight question will give neither any advantage, but it will permit the rivals to enter the ring strong and full of vim, which counts a great deal when two boys are so evenly matched.

Another feature which adds interest to the battle, and which incidentally keeps the bettors on the move, is the confidence displayed by both fighters. Each one thinks that he will be the winner, and to talk to one leads the interviewer to think that it will be a question of nerve as well as fighting tact that will decide the winner.

It is apparent to those who have watched Britt closely that he has improved with every fight, and no one knows this better than the Californian. Britt is very observing and he does considerable thinking on his own account. He does not believe in fighting a fellow for all the strength that is in him, and his hands say he will not be found so easy to reach as Corbett, who is apparently satisfied to leave himself open if he sees an opportunity to get home a wallop.

GRANT MATCHED WITH EDDIE BARR

Clever Cincinnati Wrestler Here Next Week.

HAS ADVANTAGE IN WEIGHT

Westerner Will Outweigh Grant by Five Pounds—Bright Scheme That Went Wrong.

Joe Grant has at last made another match.

This time he will wrestle Eddie Barr, of Cincinnati, and will have his hands